

SPRING HERE, WILL RUSSELL IS PLOWING

L. A. Bassett Caught the Enterprising Farmer at the "Forks of the Road" In the Act of Preparing the Soil For Planting — Robins Seen Also.

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Here's the first Spring story that has so far appeared. L. A. Bassett 'phoned in this morning that he was out at the Russell farm this morning and Farmer Will Russell was on a hillside field plowing. This story pretty nearly beats the one about Adlon Cramer the photographer who some years ago sat on his front porch back among them that hills for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon in his shirt sleeves.

And while we are about it we might as well announce that the first robins have arrived hence the world is getting better and nicer every day and in every way.

A Bit Personal

THERE'S Bill Russell, for example. I think his name is William Alexander. Anyway Alexander is a good Scotch name and nothing is too good for Bill in the minds of his legion of friends. Of course Bill has done something. One doesn't get much notice in this busy world unless he does something. Mr. Russell happens to be supervisor of roads for Fell township and they tell me that he has put the Crystal lake road in the best condition ever. And with the modern brand of politics practiced by the office holders of Fell township Bill doesn't have an awful lot of money to work with. But we are all grateful to him for making the most of the little he gets. Mr. Russell is one of several heirs to a large estate and is the successful manager of Russell Farms about three miles from our city and among the best equipped and most productive in Northeastern Pennsylvania. And these kind remarks are directly due to "Mel" Tappan whose sensitive and appreciative nature simply overflows with good-will every time he traverses the Crystal Lake road which in the good old summer time I think is about twice a day. You know "Mel" is our former obliging city treasurer and is now one of the big oil men of this section, representing Maloney, I think.

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HERP: "Pop always wore a string tie. He never wore any other kind of tie."